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PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 06502.0374-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Guy L. STEELE, Jr. ) Group Art Unit: 2193  
)  
Application No.: 10/028,375 ) Examiner: Mai, Tan V.  
)  
Filed: December 28, 2001 ) Confirmation No.: 3351  
)  
For: TOTAL ORDER COMPARATOR ) **Mail Stop AF**  
UNIT FOR COMPARING VALUES )  
OF TWO FLOATING POINT )  
OPERANDS )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a four month extension of time to reply to the  
Notice of Panel Decision from Pre-Appeal Brief Review of November 8, 2005. A fee of  
\$1,590.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge  
any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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GARRETT & DUNNER, L.L.P.  
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